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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants hereby respectfully request continued examination of the above-referenced patent application and requests that the Amendment enclosed herewith in response to the April 22, 2005 Final Office Action be entered and considered. In connection with these requests, please find enclosed herewith:

- 1) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form;
- 2) an Amendment in response to the April 22, 2005 Final Office Action (28 pages);

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3) a check in the amount of \$395.00 to cover the fee for filing a Request for Continued Examination for a small entity; and

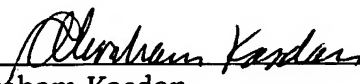
5) a self-addressed stamped return postcard listing the items referenced herein.

No additional fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this Communication. However, should any fees or extensions of time be required, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1785 and such extension of time is hereby requested.

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